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1. ALL PERSONNEL FULLY APPRECIATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FLYING OPERATIONAL MISSIONS, SUCH AS BX6843, ACCORDING TO THE COMPUTER FLIGHT PLAN. DRIVER COMMENTS TO PAR 2, REF A, ARE BASICALLY "THAT HE FOLLOWED THE ALTITUDE AND MACH PLANNED, WITHIN THE AIRCRAFT CAPABILITY."

2. WE ARE OPERATING IN A VERY MARGINAL AREA. (REF B) ALSO INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS, AMBIENT TEMPERATURES VARYING FROM FORECAST, PILOT TECHNIQUE, GROSS WEIGHT DIFFERENCES, ETC, IN THE FAR EAST VERSUS THE ZI, ALL AFFECT THE FLIGHT PROFILE SO AS TO VARY FROM THE PROGRAM. ALSO TURNS AND OPERATING TECHNIQUES ABOVE 80.0M ARE EXTRAPOLATED HANDBOOK DATA. IF NOT, THEN WE HAVE NO REQUIREMENT TO RUN EXTENDED FLIGHT TESTS ON ARTICLE 121.

3. WE HAVE THOROUGHLY ANALYZED THIS MISSION, ALONG WITH SEVERAL

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OTHERS AND WE FEEL THAT THE PILOTS ARE DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB  
UNDER THE EXISTING CAPABILITY OF THE AIRCRAFT. WILL DISCUSS THIS  
ENTIRE MATTER THOROUGHLY WITH YOU HERE AT [REDACTED] ON 19 JAN.

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